

State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grant (FIG)

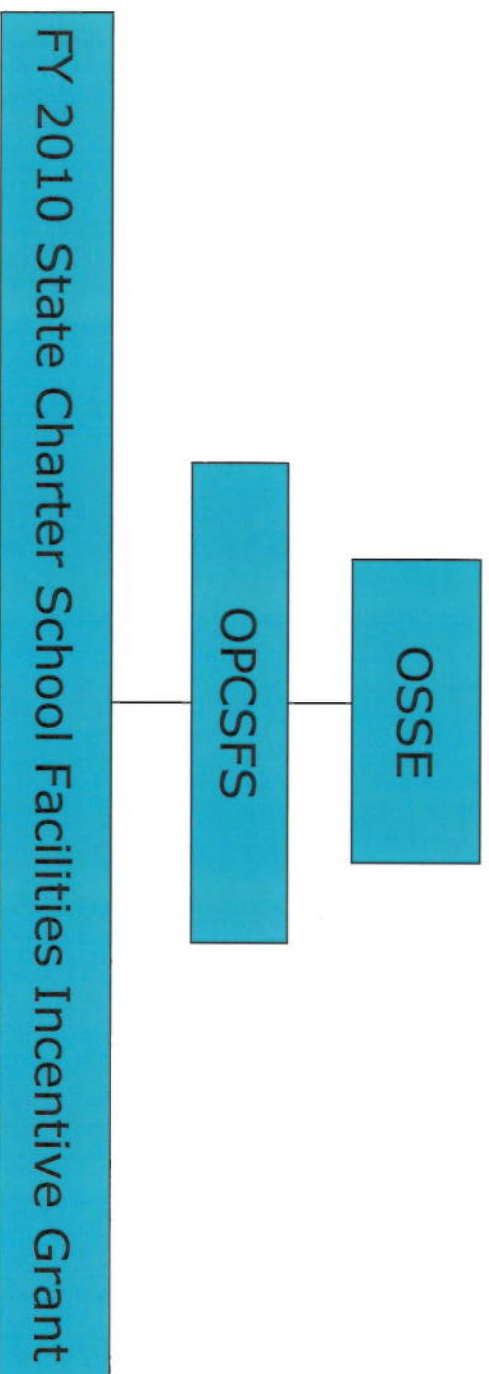
Pre-Application Conference

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- OPCSFS - Office of Public Charter School Financing and Support
- OSSE - Office of the State Superintendent of Education





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Grant Overview

- FIG is a competitive, discretionary grant program from the US Department of Education.
- Approximately \$1.2 million is available for eligible schools that have facility and occupancy costs that are unable to be met through the Facilities Allowance alone.
- Eligible public charter schools that have high rates of students living in poverty may receive additional support if located in communities with schools in need of improvement.
- Funding allocated based on enrollment for SY'10.



Purpose of the State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grant (FIG)

- Ensure that District of Columbia public charter school students and families are provided with suitable learning environments to support academic success;
- Provide and support quality school options to all students; and
- Invest public resources in neighborhoods in greatest need for quality educational facilities and with the greatest hope of attracting and retaining residents.



Eligibility Requirements

General Criteria

- A public charter school, holding a valid District of Columbia charter, with enrolled District of Columbia students;
- A public charter school meeting the Federal definition of a charter school;
- A public charter school in good standing with the Public Charter School Board;
- A public charter school and all related entities must be current with any previous support received from OPCSFS

****Note: Individuals are not eligible to apply.***



Evaluation Criteria

- A. Student Demographics
- B. General Facility Financing Needs
- C. Project Plan: Goals & Evaluation
- D. Financial Feasibility



Eligible Projects/Expenditures

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Acquisition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lease Payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New Construction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major Renovation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Minor Renovation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General facility operating support (debt service payments)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Systems upgrades	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New resource rooms, labs, athletics, etc	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Feasibility studies, pre-development and other similar "soft" costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community related uses and facilities	NA
Mixed use facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support for programming	NA



Application Content

Tab One: Executive Summary (*2 page maximum*)

Tab Two: Table of Contents

Tab Three: Project Description (*15 page maximum*)

Tab Four: Project Financial Information, Operating Budget, and Budget Narrative (*RFA Attachment B Excel templates must be completed*)

Tab Five: Required Appendices

Tab Six: Additional Appendices

*Attachments A-G Templates are provided; Attachment B provided in Excel format



Application Content – Attachment B Templates

- **Form 5.0: General Applicant Information**
- **Form 5.1: Project Budget and Uses of Funds**
- **Form 5.2: Sources of Funding**
- **Form 5.3: Federal Grant (FIG) Template
(Supplement/Supplant Form)**
- **Form 5.4: 5-Year Facilities Forecast (Site)**
- **Form 5.5: 5-Year Facilities Forecast
(LEA/Network)**



Application Format

- One (1) application must be a printed original in a ring binder with labeled tabs. Telephonic, telegraphic and facsimile submissions will not be accepted.
- One electronic copy must be saved on a CD or Flash drive (PDF format preferred, together with Excel version of the Attachment B Templates)
- Pages are to be double spaced, 8 1/2 x 11-inch pages. Margins must be no less than one inch; a font size of 12-point is required; Times New Roman recommended.



Deadlines

- Notice of Intent to Apply
 - March 10, 2010
- Application Deadline
 - March 26, 2010
- Award Letters
 - Expect to issue by May 1, 2010



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Questions?



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